

## Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council

### Control and Management Working Group

Tuesday, October 9, 2007 Draft Meeting Minutes

#### Attendees:

Dr. John Brock – Co-lead (ASU Polytechnic)  
Joanne Roberts – Co-lead (AZ State Parks)

Alix Rodstad (Sonoran Desert Museum)  
Bill Werner (ADWR)  
Brian McGrew (ADA)  
Brian Moorhead (SRP)  
Doug Witte (AZ SLD)  
Dr. Ed Northam (Southwest Vegetation Management Association)  
Dr. Elisabeth Lawaczeck (ADHS)  
Gary Russell (USDA)  
Jerry Levitt (USDA)  
Larry Riley (AGFD)  
Marianne Meding (AGFD)

#### Meeting Minutes:

Work group Co-lead John Brock opened the Control and Management work group meeting at the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Office, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85040 at 10:02 a.m.

The main focus on today's session is to read, review, and recommend changes to the Control and Management Work group charter. John Brock asked if the group has had a chance to read the charter. At that time a few minutes was given read the charter. John asked the group to try and point out the strengths and weaknesses of the charter. A few things have been recognized that should be removed from this charter, moved to a different charter, and add items missing from the charter. Bill Werner pointed out the fact that Objective 1. Recommendation "e." did not really fit in the scope of Control and Management and thought that it fell more into the Anticipation and Outreach segment of the charter. Joanne Roberts mentioned that on page 23 of the original governor's report that some aspects of that recommendation did fall more over into the Control and Management portion of the plan. The group began a line review of the points of Recommendation "e" of the charter. For Objective 1.e.i, ii, and iii - *"Identify and evaluate existing public surveys of attitudes and understanding concerning invasive species issues."* ; *"Strategies to raise awareness that may include social marketing, multiple outreach venues, and clear, identifiable and memorable messages;* And *"Address social behavior development by communicating what is and is not legal and provide alternatives that will needs."* These areas were thought to fall more in line with the Anticipation and Outreach Work group. These items will be suggested to be taken out of C&M and put into A&O's charter.

Doug Witte brought up the fact that there would be a state wide Invasive Species Rapid Response Fund and that there would be need to identify “triggers” that would initiate the process in accessing those funds.

Doug thought that this Work group should look at other “Incident Command” systems already in place to get idea of the flow of information through the chain of command. We need to see if any of those can work for us and what modifications to any of those that can be made to fit our needs. Gary Russell and Jerry Levitt stated that on the national level the U.S. forest Service’s structure for incident command is used. Bill commented that it seems that there are structures that already exist but questioned if those systems capture all available state resources. Bill also asked if those existing plans had addressed actions for issues that are not as immediate. Jerry stated that the US plan does have that flexibility for minor issues as well. Weather its a few tools to a hand full of people to a large task force, the plan shrinks and grows to fit the needs of the issue at hand. Joanne stated that the ADHS emergency response plan may be structured well enough as is, or with some slight modifications, to be placed into the AISAC plan. Doug made the suggestion that someone contact the Arizona Department of Homeland Security(AZDOHS) for information on their Emergency Response Plan.

Joanne noted that there would be a need for a technical advisory group that should give guidance on threats and risks and response. If no center what are the alternatives? The group commented that there would need to be a data base, coordination, incident command structure on hand.

Marianne made the comment if it takes 4-5 years for this plan to be in affect what structures exist now that can be supplemented in the mean time. Gary made mention that the two co-chairs authorities may work well enough. It was made mention by the group that for now the structures in place work sufficiently enough.

The group would make a request to AZDOHS to present at a future meeting. The group would request that information be available before hand and the group would give information to AZDOHS to clarify what our specific needs may be.

The group discussed the need for a directory database with control and management issues in mind.

After discussion surrounding the term Early Detection/Rapid Response (EDRR), it was determined that the concept be split into two segments Early Detection and separately Rapid Response. They are two very different actions and combining may lead to inefficiency. Early detection issues may include public awareness, issue identification, and communication network, to reduce number of invasive species entering Arizona.

Management plans will need to be reviewed and find inconsistencies and bad management practices that are in place and find a means to correct.

The group discussed when should Rapid Response be phased into Control and Management and at what would be done in the case that all methods of containment fail and control becomes economically unfeasible. It was noted that there is templates that do exist to deal with rapid

response issues. Larry thought that response plan development might be better suited in R&IM. Marianne said that none of the work groups at this point have been tasked with the development of an emergency response plan. Brian made the suggestion that this group be tasked with that duty since the regulatory bodies that would be dealing directly with that plan fall more in line with C&M. The group would make the alteration to Objective 1: to add section “f. Develop Emergency Response Plan”

After discussing the topics found in Objective 1 of the charter the following recommendations would be made at this point:

- ◆ To make a distinction between Early Detection and Rapid Response
- ◆ Remove objective e.- i, ii, iii and recommend they be placed into the Anticipation and Outreach charter
- ◆ Add objective f: Develop a Rapid Response Plan that may be utilized by an Incident Command Structure.

Comments were asked for on Objective 2:

It was discussed that the state already has procurement procedures in place for the state agencies and that there would be need for coordination among agencies. There may be need for an inter-agency cost-sharing to keep consistency and scale efficiency. There would be a need for a contractor database utilized by the state agencies. Identifying past contractors utilized by the state agencies will need to be tasked.

Joanne asked that the group come up with examples of incidences within state agencies from the past 2 years that might prove informative. Brian volunteered to bring in a report of the Glassy-winged sharpshooter outbreak in Sierra Vista from 2005.

On a final note, John noted that somewhere in the charter there might be a need to add a section for management practices, reporting, and adaptive management.

The group identified meeting dates tentatively set for the next 2 months

**Future Meeting date:**

October 30, 2007 10:00 a.m. – U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix

November 6, 2007 10:00 a.m. – U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix

November 15, 2007 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – University of Arizona, Harvill 435d, 1103 E 2nd St., Tucson

November 20, 2007 10:00 a.m. – U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix

December 11, 2007 10:00 a.m. – U of A Cooperative Extension Service, Palo Verde Room, 4341 E. Broadway Rd., Phoenix

**Action Items:**

- John and Joanne will work together to make the recommended changes to the charter.
- Marianne to obtain contact info for Department of Homeland Security and John or Joanne will contact the Department of Homeland Security and ask that they attend one of our work group meetings and present their emergency response plan.
- Brian will bring subject matter on the Glassy-winged sharpshooter incident in Sierra Vista.
- Representatives from state agencies to identify past contracting services utilized.

**Next meeting topics/presentations:**

- Further discuss changes to the charter
- Finalize changes to the charter
- Incident reports from past 2 years
- Examples of emergency response plans

John Brock adjourned the meeting on October 9, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.